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TITLE	METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR SELECTING ONE USER TO ASSIGN A WORK ITEM IN A WORKFLOW		

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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED CONCURRENTLY WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated December 14, 2006, in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art, and is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) On April 3, 2007, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing certain amendments to the claims. The Examiner said that the discussed amendments appear to distinguish over the cited art and that the Examiner would update his search. Applicants amended the claims as discussed during the phone interview and submit that all pending claims 1-42 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.